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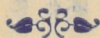




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By C. N. STERNBERG

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CANADIAN DINOSAURS

Dinosaurs lived during the "Age of Reptiles" and became extinct about 60,000,000 years ago. To obtain some idea of their place in nature and the conditions under which they lived, we must glance at the past history of the earth and its ancient inhabitants.

Palaeontology deals with the history of life on the earth, and its time is measured in geological periods, each many millions of years long, rather than in centuries as civilization is measured. Ancient life is studied in terms of species instead of individuals or dynasties. Prehistoric time is commonly thought of as that during which man inhabited the earth but before history recorded his doings, and, consequently, we are apt to think of the past only in terms of historic and prehistoric time, and not realize that life existed for millions of years before man appeared, and that the 6,000 or 8,000 years of civilization are as yesterday compared with the time during which animals have inhabited the earth. Some people believe that because the carcass of a hairy mammoth was found frozen in a glacier in Siberia, we might also find the frozen flesh of a dinosaur, but in this they fail to realize that the mammoth lived until quite recently (possibly within the last 3,000 years) and like the musk-ox was adapted for life in the Arctic regions, whereas dinosaurs were extinct for millions of years before the first mammoth trod the frozen wastes of the earth during the last great "Ice Age."

We must not think of extinct animals as merely prehistoric, and imagine that they all lived together, but rather we should realize that during past geological ages a great variety of animals have flourished during successive periods of the earth's history. Some of these have become extinct without leaving descendants; others evolved into highly specialized forms;

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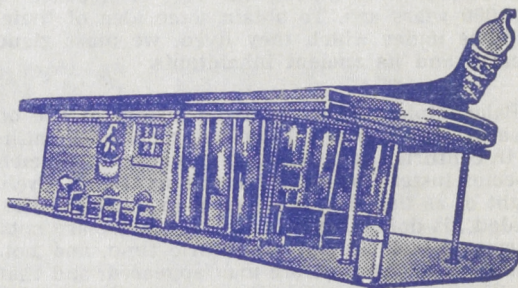
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and still other primitive forms have persisted to the present time with little change. It is important to remember that a single geological period, with its special types of plants and animals, covered millions of years, and that the plants and animals of that period were as distinct from those of an earlier or later period as they are from those of today. Most of us have some idea of the evolution of the horse, the camel, and the elephant, but many do not realize that dinosaurs and other reptiles also evolved from simple to highly specialized forms before they became extinct. It should be remembered also that the dinosaurs represented only two of the sixteen orders of reptiles that lived during the Mesozoic era, the "Age of Reptiles."

We often remark what strange animals lived in ancient times, but we do not regard such specialized animals as the bat, the giraffe, or the turtle as strange because we are familiar with them. The common turtle, for example, is one of the most peculiar of reptiles, with its box-like carapace composed of plates of dermal bone overlying and thoroughly fused with the expanded ribs. Actually turtles differ from any other order of reptiles more than other living reptiles differ from dinosaurs.

FOSSILIZATION AND COLLECTION

People often ask, "How do you know where to dig for dinosaurs?" The answer, of course, is that we do not dig until we have found a specimen. Throughout a period of perhaps 60,000,000 years the skeletons that were buried in the deltas have remained undisturbed, and the mud and sand by which they were covered have become hardened to shale and sandstone. Throughout these long ages the skeletons lay deeply buried beneath successive later deposits of marine, freshwater, or wind-blown origin; but these deposits have since been eroded away, and once again the ancient deltas on which the dinosaurs lived and died are exposed. During countless ages, water percolating through the rocks in which the dinosaur bones lay buried gradually replaced the bones, cell by cell, with mineral material dissolved from the rocks. In this way the bones became fossilized or petrified, and in many instances the replacement has been so perfect that the fossil retains all the detail of a modern bone.

Quite recently, as the geologist counts time, the Red Deer and other rivers have cut gorges into the old deltas, and with the aid of smaller, tributary streams and the erosive action of rain, frost, and wind, have carved out the so-called "badlands" of Alberta. This is a region of gullies, ridges, buttes, and hillsides from which all soil and vegetation have been eroded, thus exposing the ancient strata. As the rock wears away the tip of a bone may become exposed, and this is what the "fossil hunter" calls a "prospect." If the specimen is not discovered and collected, the bone or eventually the whole skeleton will weather out and be destroyed. Many prospects lead to only a single bone, a section of the tail, or a separate jaw, but occasionally one leads to a fine skull or perhaps a complete skeleton. No doubt hundreds

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of skeletons have been destroyed by erosion, and thousands of others are still buried so far from the surface that they may never be seen. The experienced fossil hunter knows, when he finds a prospect, whether it is merely a scattered bone, or whether it is leading toward the head, or perhaps promises a complete skeleton. It is not uncommon to find a skeleton of a duck-billed dinosaur without the head and front limbs. The explanation probably is that as the carcass floated around the head and fore limbs dropped off, whereas the rest of the skeleton was held together by the stronger ligaments.

Horns, claws, and hoofs are composed of a chitinous substance and are not preserved as fossils, but the bony core is fossilized and in one specimen the impression of the chitinous beak was preserved.

When the prospect is located, the specimen is outlined by the use of hand pick, awl, small chisel, and whisk broom. A certain amount of rock is always left around the bones for protection while they are being removed from the field to the laboratory. If the skin impression is preserved, an extra layer of rock must be left. If the skeleton is large, it must be divided into sections, as it is difficult to handle blocks of more than 2,000 pounds. The head and neck may be included in one section, the front limbs, the hind limbs, and the tail in others. If not too large, the body part is taken up in one section. In the early days of fossil collection the bones were dug out and wrapped in paper, and then, so far as possible, they were pieced together in the laboratory; but much information was lost when specimens were collected in this way. Information about the skin, the proper articulation of the bones, and the number of joints or toes was only obtainable in the field before modern methods of collection were introduced.

When the sections are outlined and undercut, each is wrapped with strips of burlap dipped in fluid plaster. If necessary, sticks are inserted to give greater strength, much as the doctor uses splints in the cast on a broken arm. When the plaster is set, the section can be turned over and the wrapping completed, then the sections are packed in specially constructed boxes and shipped to the museum. In the museum laboratory the wrapping is removed and the slow, careful preparation is commenced. If the bones of the skeleton have not become separated, it may be decided to mount the skeleton as it lay, in the original rock. In such a "panel" mount the separate sections of the skeleton will be refitted and the whole mass supported so as to keep it together. Such mounts can be studied by future generations, and involve no arguments about the number of vertebrae in the back, the number of joints in the toes, or the proper positions of each bone, because they are articulated or held together in the relative positions in which they were when the animal was alive. In some skeletons, however, the bones have become separated, or are not suitable for a panel mount, or perhaps it may seem desirable to show the animal in a walking or standing pose. In such instances the bones are separated and cleaned and then posed and supported by a frame-work of iron bars or rods.

It is not possible to state definitely what caused the extermination of the dinosaurs. Perhaps great changes in physical conditions at the close of Cretaceous time, the development of the more intelligent and active mammals, and the racial old age of the dinosaurs were the most important factors in wiping out this interesting group. It is believed that a race or order can become old and weak in the same way as an individual. Though the dinosaurs became extinct at the close of the Cretaceous period, it must not be inferred that they disappeared overnight. During the closing years of the Cretaceous the number of species and individuals gradually became fewer, although more highly specialized and gigantic. Large, specialized forms are easily exterminated if subjected to a change in habitat or food supply.

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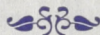
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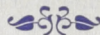
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The Museum was opened in 1956 in the Rotary Club House adjacent to the Swimming Pool. The first season of operation resulted in such a fine response that early in 1957 the Drumheller and District Museum Society was formed and is undergoing incorporation with the object of expansion. The Museum and Dinosaur Trail were officially opened simultaneously on May 20th, 1957. Over the week-end of the 20th, over 600 visitors viewed the exhibits.

Whether you spend a day, a week or a month in the Drumheller Badlands, the Museum is the ideal place to visit before you travel the Dinosaur Trail. Here are displayed the fossils for which the area is world famous. One may see fossils ranging in size from tiny petrified seeds of prehistoric plants to large dinosaur bones. Included are specimens of petrified wood, oyster shells and a sandstone cast of a giant snail weighing over 125 pounds. To those starting on an exploration trip the exhibits provide a background of what to look for. For those in a hurry there is a table from which to select agatized wood, petrified twigs, shells and bits of dinosaur bone.

One of the most popular of the petrified woods is that found in jet black twigs. This is much sought after by "rock hounds" for polishing. Many specimens of wood and crystals are highly fluorescent under a quartz lamp.

Recent additions to the museum are pictures supplied by the National Museum in Ottawa, a large dinosaur bone from the same source and a mural depicting Cretaceous Times, 70,000,000 years ago. The mural was painted and presented by the Drumheller Art Club, and created in its entirety by local talent.

If you are a wood carver you will see specimens of juniper root carvings. Mr. W. G. Hodgson of Dorothy, a pioneer rancher, has produced world-

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famous juniper carvings from these graceful roots for over thirty years. There are several other local residents producing excellent carvings as well.

For the photographer the Badlands offer unlimited opportunity in black and white, or color. In the summer months the best contrast is obtained between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and in the afternoon between 4 and 6 p.m. Immediately after a rain or in the sunset glow the formations provide unique subjects. The museum is local headquarters for information regarding the most photogenic areas and how to reach them.

Many of our visitors are children of school-age and they find a visit to the museum of great value in their studies. On sale at the visitor's desk are authentic brochures on Canadian Dinosaurs and the Drumheller District.

The Stone-Age on the Prairies is well represented by an ever growing collection of Indian hammer-heads, arrow-heads, scrapers, etc.

Our museum is dedicated to the people of Drumheller of today and tomorrow, who appreciate the heritage left them by the ages and peoples of the past, to be preserved for the people of the future. The Drumheller and District Museum Society suggest that you visit the museum before setting out to explore the Valley's many wonders. We sincerely hope that the information available will help you to enjoy your trip more thoroughly. Be prepared for something unique and different. Whether you have an hour, a day or a week to spend with us you are cordially invited to see our prehistoric displays.



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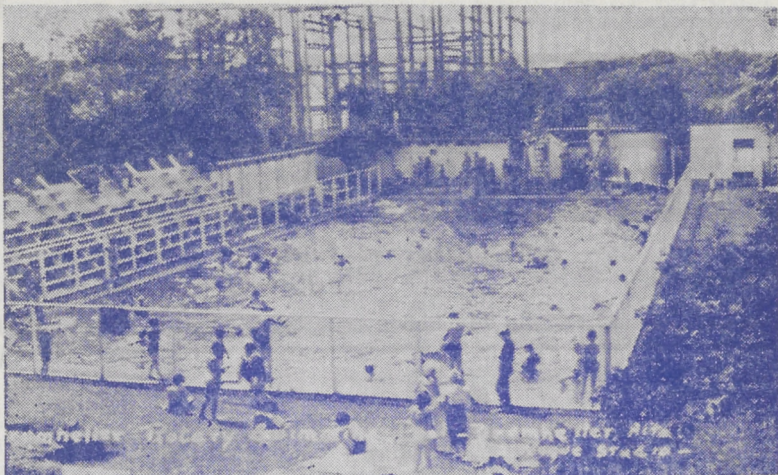
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By JOHN A. MACKAY
Journalist and Publicity Writer

The Drumheller area in the Province of Alberta, with its world-famous Badlands, has a prehistoric background of millions of years, but, as other articles in this booklet will recount, the romantic history of the Drumheller Badlands and the development of this district's great tourist attraction, the aim of this article will be to give the highlights of the Drumheller district for the past sixty years and the City of Drumheller for past fifty years.

THE DRUMHELLER AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

Of course the Indians, as in all other parts of Alberta, were here long before the first white settlers made their venturesome treks to Alberta, but when the picture was changed it was the ranchers who started the ball rolling until it has reached the modern day panorama which unfolds itself to those who journey to the various parts of the large agricultural area

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known as the Drumheller District.

The era of the ranchers found these hardy pioneers running their herds of cattle over vast areas of virgin prairie land and who with their cowboys rounded up a bunch of cattle for sale and had to drive them great distances throughout all kinds of weather, fording rivers and creeks, to get them to the nearest railway shipping point. Different ranches raised horses and when cattle prices were down, horse prices might have been up and vice versa, but whether it was cattle or horses, the pioneer ranches came up the hard way.

Among the early ranchers was James Russell, who arrived in Calgary in 1888 from Ayrshire, Scotland, and being a highly skilled engineer, did his part in surveying the City of Calgary and installing the first waterworks system in Calgary. However, in 1896, Mr. Russell made his way by wagon and saddle horses to the Red Deer Valley, entering the valley in 1896 at the mouth of the Rosebud Creek, then, travelling along the Red Deer River until he reached the flat where the Canadian Utilities Limited plant is now situated. He surveyed the surrounding area to find a passable trail by which he could haul hay for his stock. He discovered the flat now known as Nacmine, where the big modern Red Deer Valley Coal Co. Ltd. mine is now located. He moved his home to the high land and established the Lyon-Cross Ranch.

Then in 1901 James Trumble, another pioneer rancher, arrived and located on the north side of the Red Deer River which is now known as the Western Gem area and left his impression on the district.

Thomas P. Greentree arrived in the Drumheller Valley in 1902 and built the first log house just a little north of where the Masonic Temple now stands. The Greentree home was the stopping place for settlers coming to the district. Mr. Greentree enjoyed the honor of being Drumheller's first citizen. He continued ranching until a survey was made in 1907 and he took out homestead rights. He sold his 100 acres to Samuel Drumheller in 1910 and in the same year the 100 acres was surveyed into a townsite and Mr. Drumheller had the new townsite named after himself and this townsite is the City of Drumheller as it is known today. Space forbids to mention of other old-time ranchers who helped lay the foundations of the Drumheller agricultural district.

Then came the transformation of the ranching era to the homestead era and different very large ranching areas were thrown open to homesteaders, while the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Hudson's Bay Company, who owned vast tracts of land in the area tributary to Drumheller put parcels of these lands up for sale. Thus the pioneering farming days began and much could be written about the hardy men and courageous women who over the years transformed the virgin prairie into the wonderful farms one sees all through the big Drumheller agricultural district.

The first homesteader in the Verdant Valley district was A. M. Charters, while L. G. Audy took up land in 1900 on which the Drumheller Municipal Hospital and the new Clearfield residential subdivision are now located. James Beattie was the earliest settler in the area south of Drumheller, while E. W. (Grandpa) Kendall, who celebrated his 100th birthday in 1937, located

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in the same area in 1910.

With the exception of Mr. Audy, all these earliest pioneers have passed away, but not before they made their imprint on the path of time in the various parts of the Drumheller district.

Then came the homesteaders of the famous Orkney district, named after the Orkney Islands in Scotland, and the opening of the historic Pope Lease for settlement by the veterans of the First Great War.

The Munson, Morrin, Michichi, Verdant Valley, Livingstone and Creighton districts were being rapidly transformed by the homesteaders, while south of Drumheller and the Wayne, Rosebud, Beynon, Dorothy and adjoining districts were being developed by those who saw a future in farming, and met the challenge of great difficulties at times, but being made of stern stuff were able to enjoy their sunset years and hand down to their families a heritage and tradition for which these pioneer men and women will always be remembered.

In these modern days, there is the tendency to leave the farms for the cities, but notwithstanding quite a number of farmers in all parts of the district tributary to Drumheller can point to members of the second and third generations of their families still on the farms which are in many cases of much greater acreage. Many of the first generation have gone to their reward, but the second and third generations are still carrying on and maintaining the proud traditions of their families.

The farmers of the Drumheller district years ago put the proper emphasis on the quality of their wheat as well as oats and registered seed wheat growers, like P. J. Rock, and the late Arthur C. B. Grenville made an outstanding name for themselves in Canadian and Alberta registered seed growers' associations. They were both awarded the coveted Robertson Award, presented by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, for outstanding achievement.

For twenty years P. J. Rock held his annual field day, these annual events being attended by as high as one thousand people. The Dominion Government Entomologist Department operated an Experimental Station at P. J. Rock's farm for several years, and the Dominion Government held Field Days at their Experimental Station on the late Charles Andrew's farm for several years, while the late A. Craig Pierce was a member of the Bracken Commission on wheat headed by John Bracken, a former Premier of Manitoba.

Then came the formation of the Drumheller Junior Grain Club by the Agricultural Committee of the Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce in 1934, followed by the holding of the first Drumheller District Junior Championship Fair in Drumheller in 1935, under the auspices of the Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce which annual fair has been held ever since and from the boys and girls competing at this fair have come World, Canadian and Provincial Wheat Champions.

Each succeeding generation of farmers in the Drumheller district have continued to build on the solid foundation of their predecessors and have paid every attention to quality of production, the best methods of produc-

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The Drumheller District Agricultural Society, formed several years ago on the recommendation of the Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce, have been doing a wonderful job and cover all phases of agricultural activities including the supervision of the Boys' and Girls' Grain Clubs, Calf Clubs and Achievement Clubs and the holding of their various grain fairs, calf shows and sales. The present District Agriculturist is S. W. Pettem.

It is impossible to record the club and individual trophies won by Junior Grain Clubs (now known as 4-H Clubs) that have competed in the annual Drumheller District Grain Fairs since 1935, so just this reference to the World Wheat Champions from the Junior Wheat Club of the Drumheller district: 1950—World Wheat King, Rickey Sharpe, Munson; 1951—World Wheat King, Howard Roppel, Rockyford; 1952—World Wheat King, Ronald Leonhardt, Drumheller; 1953—World Wheat King, Ronald Leonhardt, Drumheller; 1954—World Wheat Reserve Champion, Ronald Leonhardt, Drumheller; 1955—World Wheat King (Chicago), Jerry Leiske, Beiseker; 1956—World Wheat King (Chicago), Jerry Leiske, Beiseker.

Rickey Sharpe and Ronald Leonhardt belonged to the Drumheller Junior Grain Club, while Howard Roppel belonged to the Rockyford Junior Grain Club, while Jerry Leiske is a member of the Carbon Junior Grain Club.

It would take quite a sized book to record the World, Canadian and Provincial Clubs and individual trophies and individual prizes not only won by the second generation of the farmers of the district, but the present generation of farm boys and girls since the first Junior Grain Club was formed in 1934.

THE CHANGE TO DIVERSIFIED FARMING

As man does not live by bread alone, the farmers of the Drumheller district some years ago broadened out their farm operations beyond raising of wheat and some oats, to raising barley, rye, flax and other grains, and going into livestock raising on a large scale, not only pedigreed cattle, hogs and sheep, but commercial livestock.

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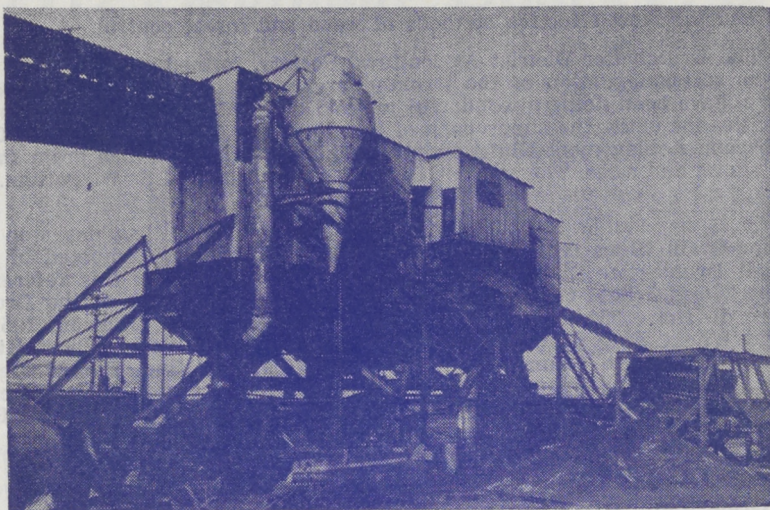
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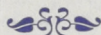
For years coal seam outcroppings in the Drumheller Valley supplied fuel for the early settlers of the district. 1911 saw the opening of the first commercial coal mine in the district and within a very few years several mines were in production and Drumheller Coal had established its reputation as the ideal domestic coal. The coal is bright and blocky, practically free from soot and smoke, low in ash content and free burning, called Sub-Bituminous B. Today Drumheller coal is sold from Quebec in the east to Vancouver Island in the west. While Drumheller coal is mainly known for its domestic use it is also used extensively industrially. Thousands of tons annually are used in power plants to generate electricity.

The mines in this area have been improved continually and have kept up to date with mechanization and mining progress. Costly new equipment is being continually introduced at all mines. Mobile loaders, shaker conveyor loaders, belt conveyors, cutting machines, timbering machines, locomotives and Airdox equipment to replace shattering explosives are just a few of the machines that have been introduced into existing mines. This past year one large new mine was opened in the East Coulee area.

Over 1,000 men and over 13,000 h.p. of machinery are used in the mines today. When looking around the valley think of the fact that for the years 1925-1956 inclusive, 44,657,365 tons of coal were produced, this would make quite a sized mountain, or a loaded train of over a million box cars stretching from St. Johns, Newfoundland to Tokyo, Japan, a distance of nearly 9,000 miles. Figures for the period 1911 to 1924 are not readily available at present, but they too would represent a huge tonnage. In spite of this staggering amount of coal already produced there are still coal reserves of hundreds of millions of tons left for future generations.

The large mine structures one sees when driving around the valley are commonly called "tipples" and house the coal cleaning and size screening plants. The smaller buildings are hoist rooms, wash rooms, machine shops, fan houses, etc.

Underground there are miles of tunnels where track is laid and full electric, deisel, and/or rope haulage railway systems are in operation to bring coal from the mine workings to the mine opening. All the underground working areas are thoroughly ventilated with fresh air from large fans on the surface. The temperature below ground remains practically constant between 55 and 60 degrees. Three types of mines can be seen in the valley, shaft and slope mines which are entered by either vertical or inclined openings from the surface to the coal seam and drift mines which go into the hillside. The coal seams in this area are practically horizontal sloping downwards approximately 20 feet to the mile going westward. Smaller coal seams can be seen throughout the valley walls, but the seams that are worked are from 5 feet to 12 feet in thickness. The red shale piles one sees around the mines are burned refuse piles of impurities cleaned from the coal before shipment. Coal from the valley is shipped via both Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways.



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DRUMHELLER JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINOSAUR TRAIL

After you leave Calgary, you would wonder if you were on the right road to the Drumheller Dinosaur Trail because the country you pass through looks almost all the same. This is true, until you have travelled some 88 miles on No. 1 and No. 9 Highways, when all of a sudden you drive into another world of Badlands and distinctive stratas. It is through these Badlands that the Dinosaur Trail meanders and leads you to the spot where many famous Dinosaur fossils have been, and are still being found, right in the rock that they died in, 70 million or more years ago.

The first thought of a Dinosaur Trail was formulated by The Junior Chamber of Commerce, at the start of the Second World War, when Lord Tweedsmuir, then the Governor General of Canada, was in the Dinosaur Valley to see one of these famous skeletons. The road taken on that day became the first start of the Dinosaur Trail, and was some ten miles in extent. Since then the increasing influx of tourists has created a demand to have the Trail lengthened, until at the present time it embraces some 35 miles of wonderful viewpoints in the Badlands, Fossil hunting areas, and the World Famous Hoodoos, along with numerous picnic spots. It is a well-marked route, with the more picturesque spots marked out with special signs.

A great deal of interest has, and is, being taken by local and Provincial Government authorities, to have this great tourist attraction developed and improved. Part of the Trail is to be paved and the remainder to be graded and improved. This route is one of the most scenic in the district, and even-

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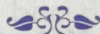
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tually will embrace a larger part of the Valley.

The farthest end of the Dinosaur Trail is highlighted by a trip across the Red Deer River, on the Bleriot Ferry. This Ferry was named after the brother of the first man to fly the English Channel, who had a cattle ranch at this point. He is now living in France and has a very vivid memory of the early days in the Drumheller Valley.

Some of the other early residents of the Valley have made very extensive collections of fossil remains, found along the Dinosaur Trail, the most of which are now preserved in the local Museum.

It is truly hard to put into words, the wonderful experience the travelers have, when they visit this strange and unique Valley of the Dinosaurs, and traverse the Dinosaur Trail—and one trip always leads to another. You haven't seen Alberta until you have seen the Drumheller Valley and the Dinosaur Trail—it's a MUST.



WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

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Drumheller citizens look forward to still greater accomplishments and extend a hearty invitation to one and all to visit the city and district, with a special invitation to industrialists, large and small, to investigate the advantages of locating a factory or plant at Drumheller.

The past half century in Drumheller and district has been romantic and exciting, and as to the future it can be said, "The best is yet to come."

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The Bearpaw is the oldest formation easily identifiable in this area. It is clearly seen as the layers of dark brown shales, beneath the wind formed "hoodoo" forms at Willow Creek. It was so named because of similar beds exposed in the Bearpaw mountains in northern Montana. It is of marine origin, and is probably between 400 and 500 feet thick. The shales vary in color from drab grey to chocolate brown. The deposits were laid down in a shallow sea which came in from the southeast. A peculiarity of the sedimentation is the apparent isolation of marine fossils in the iron and calcareous nodules. Except in the nodules, fossils are rarely found.

The Edmonton formation overlies the Bearpaw and is seen as the wall of the greater part of the valley. The term was first used in referring to the strata containing coal seams in the general vicinity of the present city of Edmonton. The composition in this formation varies greatly, consisting of fine grained sandstones, highly calcareous sandstones, sandy and bentonitic shales, bentonite, ironstone bands, carbonaceous shales, and coal. The total depth of this zone is about 850 ft. Fossils are plentiful.

Bentonite is the prevailing constituent throughout the Edmonton beds. It is a rock made of altered volcanic ash, thus suggesting that products from volcanic eruption fell in great quantity at one time in the area. The name is derived from its occurrence in the Fort Benton area of Montana. Where it consolidates into a hard layer of rock, the volcanic ash is called a tuff, and such a layer is found well up the valley wall in the Kneehill area, known as the Kneehills tuff. It was originally known on the prairies as "Mineral Soap" or "Clay Soap" and was used at Hudson's Bay posts to wash blankets. It was also used for whitewashing purposes. Pure Bentonite is yellowish green when fresh and white when air dried. It absorbs three times its weight and seven times its volume of water. When finely ground and mixed with water it will remain in colloidal suspension indefinitely. A bed at the mouth of Michichi Creek has been developed commercially and contains silica 69 percent, alumina 16 percent and varying amounts of iron oxide, magnesium and sodium and sodium and potassium oxides. The Kidd put, Michichi Creek is about three feet thick. About 100 uses have been recorded for Bentonite including manufacture of paper, textiles, de-inking old newsprint, as plaster board, wall board, insulation blocks, in manufacture of rubber and paints, in toothpaste, as binder for briquets, as medicinal absorbent, dressings, as filler in soap, for molds and cores in foundries, refining petroleum and as drilling mud.

Dinosaur bones are found in the Edmonton formation.

Coal is the most important mineral deposit in the Edmonton formation, which is the youngest of three coal horizons in Alberta. It occurs in 14 seams, varying in thickness from a few inches to 13 feet. Coal production in the Drumheller field was 1,365,992 tons in 1924, and 1,930,204 tons in 1943. The deepest or No. 1 seam is the one most frequently mined. Familiar names in the mining industry past and present include Monarch, Midland, Scranton, Western Gem, Drumheller, Rosedale, Star Yoho, Moonlight, Shamrock, Rosedeer, Western Commercial, Joy, Jewell, Murray, Celtic, Sunshine, Newcastle, ABC, Newcastle Jr., Premier, Atlas, Elgin, Gibson, Midwest, Superior, Brilliant, Red Deer Valley, Commander, Hy-Grade, etc.

Both the Bearpaw and Edmonton formations form the Upper Cretaceous era which ended 60,000,000 years ago.

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DID YOU EVER WONDER WHO DISCOVERED THE FIRST DINOSAUR BONES IN ' DRUMHELLER AREA?

This honor definitely goes to Joseph Burr Tyrrell, one of Canada's most noted geologists. At the age of 27 he was appointed head of an important Dominion expedition investigating that portion of the North-West Territories lying north of Calgary and east of the Rocky Mountains. Arriving at Calgary in 1884, he bought a buckboard, hired three men and equipped with five horses, a canvas boat, tent, blankets, and a supply of food, guns and ammunition, set forth on May 30th. On June 9th, 1884 while inspecting some coal seams on the Red Deer River he discovered the first Dinosaur bones reported in this vicinity by a white man. The spot where these were found was just south of latitude 52 degrees, in what is now Section 10, Township 39, Range 21, West of the 4th Meridian.

The next day, going down river, he found more dinosaur bones, mostly on steep hillsides east of the river, a short distance above the point where Knee Hill Creek enters the Red Deer. From his diary of June 12th, it appears that while passing the site of the present Drumheller, he landed on the north side, examined and measured seams of coal outcropping there. This was the first time a white man had found coal at that place.

On a subsequent trip to Knee Hill Creek he found the complete skull of a dinosaur in an excellent state of preservation at an elevation of 40-80 feet above the creek. With this and other bones he started for Calgary in a drizzling rain. The horses could barely pull the wagon, and the bones were packed to prairie level on the backs of horses. It took him a week to reach Calgary. It was while searching for these dinosaurs that Tyrrell one evening rode to within 100 yards of a herd of Buffalo grazing in a little valley by a creek, probably the last herd that came north into Canadian territory. From Calgary the dinosaur specimens were shipped to Philadelphia for examination. Later in the same year he explored Berry Creek and the Battle River from the Edmonton Trail Crossing to the mouth of the Rosebud.

Since that day in 1884 when Tyrrell discovered the first dinosaur remains near Knee Hill Creek, people from all over the world have visited the valley, and many specimens have been removed, but little or no credit has been given the man who first discovered them.

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That Drumheller and District Museum Society has made great strides within the space of twelve months was clearly exemplified recently when twenty-five people were briefed on Museum facts and statistics by an outstanding authority. Dr. Carl E. Guthe, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Research Associate of the American Association of Museums, who has been loaned to the Canadian Museum Association for five months to make a survey of Museums in Canada, spoke in plain and simple language as he told the members that the Drumheller Valley had something unique. The combination of common sense and good judgement could take advantage of a marvelous chance to become a major magnet for tourists.

Dr. Guthe declared that a museum is a public institution that assembles objects of a natural or cultural origin. The important thing to remember is that a museum is a business. Orderly collection of catalogued specimens, diagrams and descriptions should depict a series of exhibits directly related. The display should provide what a potential visitor wants to know—at a high school level. A museum never stands still—it's constantly moving all the time.

The history of any community is important. Today builds on yesterday and the preservation of concrete pieces of the past develops a sense of history, background and continuity for institutions and communities.

In relationship to the foregoing it is timely to mention that Drumheller has no quarrel with the prehistoric grandeur of the Steepleville area. Perhaps in the not-too-distant future, a circle tour may link up what might become a national park.

In the meantime, Drumheller will work for a larger museum so that some of the most-prized specimens may be returned to their rightful display window, the Dinosaur Valley!

—The Drumheller Mail.

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This body of spring-fed, fresh water has a number of sandy beaches on the approximately nine miles of its shoreline, and many of the people of Drumheller and district spend much of their leisure time lolling on these beaches, or in swimming and boating in the waters of this pretty little lake.

In 1956 Fish Lake was stocked with perch and some pike. It is expected that more and other varieties will be planted, making fishing another of the sports which can be engaged in by those visiting this popular resort.

This spring the Provincial Government announced that a considerable area bordering on the eastern shores of Fish Lake had been designated as a Provincial Park area. It is not unlikely that this announcement will pave the way for further development of this resort. It is hoped that improvements such as tree-planting, erection of picnic shelters, kitchens, and docking facilities will be going forward in the very near future.

Negotiations are well underway to provide a site on the lakeshore for the erection of cabins, and a number of people from Drumheller and the surrounding district expect to have cabins up during the summer of 1957.

The Drumheller Boating Club has played a major part during the past three years to popularize the Fish Lake resort. This club has provided at their own expense most of the facilities necessary for the convenience and comfort of the many visitors to the lake. In 1956 the Boating Club staged a very successful regatta which drew some four thousand spectators. Contestants with their boats were entered from all parts of the province.

The Drumheller Boating Club regatta will be held this year on Sunday, August 4th, and will be sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Drumheller. It is expected that it will be even bigger and better than last year's event.

The thirty-mile drive from Drumheller to Fish Lake is one of the nicer features of a visit to this resort. Two good routes may be taken. The first of these takes one along Provincial Highway No. 10A, a good hard-top highway following the river and winding through the strange and rugged scenery of the Red Deer Valley. Passing through the village of Rosedale, one continues across the river, past the famous hoodoos to the Willow Creek bridge. Turning sharp left one swings up and out of the Valley and proceeds along a good prairie road through some of the most beautiful rolling rangeland scenery to be found anywhere in Alberta. A short twenty-minute drive through herds of range cattle will bring one to the eastern shore of Little Fish Lake, with its many attractions.

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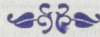
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THE TOURIST INDUSTRY

With its famous Bandlands and prehistoric background, Drumheller over the years has been the focal point for tourists and visitors from the United States and other countries, as well as all parts of Canada and Alberta. However, it remained for the Drumheller Junior Chamber of Commerce to institute Dinosaur Trail and also marking other places of geological interest and the Drumheller and District Museum Society to open their museum in 1956, to properly handle the tourist industry in Drumheller and district. Their 1956 success is being repeated in much greater measure in 1957. With the new museum building which is being planned, and the plans of the Tourism Committees of both Chambers of Commerce being carried out, the tourist gold mine, which noted travellers have called the Drumheller Badlands in the past, is being now successfully operated with a great future.



DRUMHELLER—THE CITY IN THE DINOSAUR VALLEY

Having given you a sketch of the agricultural, coal mining, electric power, natural gas, oil and the tourist traffic industries which are the backbones of the city, let us turn to the City of Drumheller, with appellations such as the "Coal City", "Dinosaur City", "Hidden City" and "Friendly City."

The name "Drumheller" was given to what now is known as the City of Drumheller by the Dominion Post Office Department on April 1st, 1911, the townsite being named after the late Samuel Drumheller. N. S. L. Brownjohn was Drumheller's first postmaster, while he was one of Drumheller's pioneer merchants. Among the very earliest mercantile establishments were the N. B. Vickers store, Sid Skuce's Livery and Feed Barn (the upstairs of which formed Drumheller's first dance hall), Jack Sailer's Shoe and Harness Shop and William Slater's Confectionery Store, to be followed by Fulton's Men's and Ladies' Wear, and Toshach's Men's and Ladies' Wear, the last named having in the past signs everywhere reading, "You Ought to be In Toshach's Shoes."

Drumheller was incorporated as a village in 1913, while it became a town in 1916 and became the City of Drumheller in 1930. The first mayor of the Town of Drumheller was the late W. R. Cumming and throughout the years as a town and city, different well-known businessmen have occupied the position of mayor, the present chief magistrate of Drumheller being Mayor William H. Anderson. The writer has written much about the City and district from the pioneer days and even as far back as the age of the dinosaurs, and personally watched its growth since 1924.

The City of Drumheller's pattern has been one of steady progress and improvement until today it is one of Western Canada's real modern small cities.

It has one of the finest Municipal Hospitals in the west, splendid High and Junior High Schools, Public Schools and Manual Training School, Churches of all denominations to which can be pointed with pride, City Hall, Library, Lodge Halls, fine Dominion Government Public Building, a Provincial Government Building, a new Court House and other such buildings.

It has Medical Clinics, Provincial Public Health Centre, Veterinary Clinic, School office building, bank buildings, grain elevators, apartment blocks and an array of mercantile store buildings which will more than compare with any town of its size for appearance, variety of stock and display features. It has super food markets and all told it is the shopping centre for this part of Alberta.

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Drumheller is a city of beautiful homes and gardens, these being reflected in the exhibits at the annual Horticulture and Vegetable Show held under the auspices of the Drumheller and District Agricultural Society.

Drumheller also has waterworks and sewerage systems to all parts of the City, so with electric light and power and natural gas, the home owners have all the comforts of the larger city. Drumheller has taken in valuable residential land east of the City and many new homes are being built in this new River View Park sub-division.

Drumheller boasts a fine Civic Centre in which are located the Rotary Club's Swimming and Wading Pools and grounds, the Kinsmen's Club Kiddies' Playgrounds, Tennis Courts, Museum in the Rotary Club's Swimming Pool Pavillion, Kinsmen Club's barbeque and picnic buildings, Memorial Artificial Ice Arena, Artificial Ice Curling Rink, Baseball and Athletic Park, and Natural Park. Additional facilities are being annually added at the Civic Centre. The Canadian National Railways Gardens make a very attractive park.

Drumheller has two important wholesale houses, while it is a great distributing point for gas, oil and other products.

Drumheller has paved roads, ornamental lights, parking meters and also parking lots, and there are paved roads to different parts of the valley and good gravel roads to other parts of the valley. No. 9 hard-surfaced highway runs through the City.

Drumheller has also been noted for its keen interest in all branches of sport. It has produced some real hockey and baseball stars for the big leagues, and it still has a potential of future stars in the realm of sport.

The Red Deer River and Andy Anderson's Fish Ponds provide good fishing, while Fish Lake Park is only 30 miles distant from Drumheller and provides real boating, swimming and fishing.

The Drumheller district is in the horse racing and breeding picture. Such stables as Rock, Lambert, Heiberling and Wichart being well known to Western Canada horse racing fans. The district also provides through the noted Dick Cosgrave of Rosebud, bucking horses for the Calgary and other Stampedes.

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Proponents of the dinosaur park in the region of Steveville on the Red Deer river were given some assurance several years ago that development of this area as a tourist attraction was not long coming. To say that the advocates of the project have been patient is quite enough. They are eagerly awaiting some action now on the part of the parks department of the province of Alberta.

While roads leading into the area at present are practically impassable except under ideal weather conditions, there are still every summer a fairly large number of persons who visit the badlands in this particular spot. Not one has failed to show keen interest and each has wondered why the potential attraction has not been developed long before now. With the tourist industry being labelled as "big business" in Alberta, we see no reason for delay in opening the Steveville park to the summer tourist business.

Have the authorities, like the dinosaurs, rolled over in the mud for a long, long sleep? Has the park site at Steveville reached the fossilized stage?

—The Hanna Herald

One of the finest tourist attractions in North America is a-building on our doorstep in this district and little or no promotion is being given to it locally.

We refer to Steveville Dinosaur Park thirty miles northeast of Brooks. There is no place on this continent that can equal the five-mile panoramic sweep of scenic erosion at Steveville—some of the most valued discoveries in fossils in the world came from there. Among paleontologists, the name Steveville is synonymous with fossils.

The parks board of the provincial government has a long-range development program for Steveville which includes access roads, administration and display buildings, decorative direction signs and gate entrances, plus some tourist amenities. It should not be the entire responsibility of the parks board to publicize and promote Steveville Dinosaur Park. Some assistance and encouragement could be given.

The well-laid publicity program of Drumheller Rotarians and Junior Chamber of Commerce is making Drumheller's Dinosaur Trail known all over Alberta, if not Western Canada. If no group here can emulate those two organizations in promoting Steveville, we suggest that Drumheller undertake publicity for the whole of Alberta's Badlands.

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